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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International application No. PCT/DE2005/000165	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 02 February 2005 (02.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 05 February 2004 (05.02.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant DISTEC GMBH			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I | Basis of the report |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

TRANSLATION

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To:

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

International application No.

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

G09F9/35, G09F13/06

Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(h) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/DE2005/000165

Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language:

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

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in written format

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in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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contained in the international application as filed.

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filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

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furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

PCT/DE2005/000165

Box No. II

Priority

1. ☐ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

The validity of the priority claim has not been considered because the International Searching Authority does not have in its possession a copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed or, where required, a translation of that earlier application. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1) is the claimed priority date.

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

PCT/DE2005/000165

Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-4

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-4

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-4

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US 2003/146891 A1 (POLIAKINE RAN) 7 August
2003 (2003-08-07)

2. Document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art over the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document):

A large-area billboard (12) for outdoor advertising (paragraph [0021]), the luminosity of the reflective LCD elements (16) of the billboard depending on the strength and direction of the illumination and the billboard having an associated artificial illumination apparatus (20) having lamps for times when there is insufficient sunlight, which lamps shine on the billboard from the viewer's side (paragraphs [0048] - [0049]; figure 1).

The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the known billboard by the fact that actuating means for the physical movement of the illumination apparatus out of the beam path of the sunlight falling on the billboard are provided.

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

The subject matter of **claim 1** is therefore novel
(PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem addressed by the present invention can
therefore be considered that of applying the illumination
apparatus, on the one hand, to the billboard such that,
when there is sufficient sunlight, the illumination
apparatus cannot be reproduced as shadows on the
billboard.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the
present application involves an inventive step
(PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

In document D1, an LCD billboard is described which has
associated illumination elements which are regulated with
the aid of a control unit in accordance with the incident
sunlight. If, however, the sun is shining, shadows of the
illumination elements may be reproduced on the LCD
billboard. No indications are given in the prior art of
providing respective actuating means for physically
moving the illumination apparatus out of the beam path of
the sunlight falling on the billboard.

Claims 2-4 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore
likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and
inventive step.